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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132**

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Sir:

I, Dr. Benjamin F. Cravatt, declare and state that:

1. I am a co-inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/836,145, filed April 16, 2001, entitled "Proteomic Analysis."
2. I am familiar with the prosecution history of Patent Application Serial No. 09/836,145.
3. I understand that the Examiner has rejected claims 12, 14, 16-18, and 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a), as allegedly being obvious over over Gygi et al. (*Nature Biotechnology*, 1999, 17(10):994-999), Liu et al. (*PNAS*, 1999, 96(26):14694-14699), and Bogyo et al. (*PNAS*, 1996, 94, 6629-6634). I also understand that one reason for this rejection given by the Examiner is the fact that the authorship of the Liu et al. publication differs from the inventive entity of the present application.
4. The authors of the Liu publication include Benjamin F. Cravatt, Matthew P. Patricelli, and Yongsheng Liu. Only Benjamin F. Cravatt, Matthew P. Patricelli are co-inventors of the present invention along with Erik Sorensen, Martha Lovato, and Gregory Adam. I submit that co-author of the Liu et al. publication Yongsheng Liu did not contribute to the mental conception of the present invention, but rather performed various experiments that were